

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Docket No. 911-011/PI-79
on its own motion, seeking to)
establish Phase II enhanced) ORDER APPROVING AMENDED
wireless 911 service) OFFERING BY GEOCOMM, INC.
implementation.)
) Entered: June 24, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Act (the Act) provides in part, "The commission shall have any powers necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the act."¹ Furthermore, "The commission shall determine the most efficient method for providing enhanced wireless 911 service."² In anticipation of the costs and data development associated with Phase II, the Commission established a process by which implementation of Phase II can be handled in an efficient and cost effective manner.

On May 21, 2004, as part of that process, the Commission issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to vendors in an effort to coordinate the purchase of Phase II equipment and services for all PSAPs that have implemented Phase I and require these resources. On August 31, 2004, the Commission designated Vendors of Choice for Phase II of Enhanced Wireless 911.

On August 29, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Amended Offerings and Pricing from Vendors of Choice which would allow any vendor wishing to update its equipment offerings and services to submit to the Commission information regarding any offerings not available at the time of their original response to the RFP. Subsequently, on October 24, 2006, the Commission approved new vendors and amended offerings and pricing from approved Vendors of Choice. On October 31, 2006, the Commission entered an order closing the RFP to further amended offerings and pricing from Vendors of Choice pending further order of the Commission.

However, pending the release of an updated RFP, the Commission has permitted amendments to the offerings and pricing of Vendors of Choice and has continued to permit new Vendors to present their offerings for approval.

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(4).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-464.

On June 27, 2007, GeoComm, Inc. (GeoComm) submitted an Updated Pricing Proposal to include new product offerings and conversion for existing software under the RFP. Since the award of GeoComm's original bid in 2004, ESRI has made substantial modifications to its engine and has indicated that it will discontinue support of the engine in the near future. As a result, GeoComm updated its GeoLynx software, GeoLynx AO, on the ArcObjects platform, which is being offered as a substitute for the older GeoLynx MO software proposed in the 2004 bid.

GeoComm recommends that customers convert from the existing GeoLynx MX and MO to GeoLynx AO. The conversion pricing in the Proposal would include conversion and setup of GIS data from either MapInfo (MX) or ESRI shapefiles (MO) to an ESRI personal geodatabase, new software licenses, on-site installation and training. The updated pricing for software support includes a five-percent (5%) increase in maintenance fees each after the second year, for years three (3) and beyond.

A copy of the proposal was forwarded to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board and no objections were received.

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

Although the Commission previously closed the RFP to amendments, the Commission finds that the RFP can be opened for purposes of considering GeoComm's request.

The proposed increase in costs for software support described in GeoComm's request is justified in light of necessary changes in the software. The current product offerings meet or exceed RFP requirements. Additionally, GeoComm has provided the Commission with sufficient documentation so that its offering may be compared with other offerings. The Commission has reviewed GeoComm's submission and hereby finds that the RFP should be amended to include the GeoLynx AO product offering and updated pricing for software support submitted by GeoComm.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the RFP should be amended to include the GeoLynx AO offering and pricing submitted by GeoComm, Inc.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of June, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director